

**MISSOURI BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2000**

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Mollie Salmieri, EWGCC
John Robinson, Office of Lt. Governor
Tom Lange, Dept. of Natural Resources

I. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Mike Murray chaired this meeting of the MOBPAC; and Donna Ridenhour recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Murray requested the members introduce themselves and give their affiliations.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and motion to approve was made by Martin Pion, seconded by Arnold Meysenburg, and carried.

II. Long-Range Transportation Plan –

Todd Ashby, MoDOT, gave the committee an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan, as follows:

- A. Road Rallies were held in January and February, 2000.
- B. The Long-Range Transportation Plan survey was completed in April 2000.
- C. Consensus-building sessions were held throughout Missouri.
- D. Needs Assessment was available in Mid-May.
- E. A communication plan was designed to provide statewide educational opportunities and a comment period for state and federal legislators, transportation stakeholders, members of the media and members of the public was developed. The communication plan was initiated in July and activities ran through November 13.
- F. A workshop was held on June 1 to provide background information about development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for members of the MHTC.
- G. The draft Long-Range Transportation Plan was mailed out to a selected group of stakeholders in September. It is also available at MoDOT district offices and on MoDOT's website.
- H. The Long-Range Transportation Plan will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission at the November meeting and will be presented to the legislature in January 2001.
- I. An Executive Summary has been completed.

Comments on the draft Long-Range Transportation Plan can be sent to Dennis Scott or can be made through the website.

III. Subcommittee Reports

A. Safety/Education/Enforcement

Martin Pion - Discussed the adoption of the Street Smarts as the official Missouri Bicycle Guide. This has already been adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and it's also on their website. If we want to make any changes to the cover, we will need to get permission. We have received 19,000 copies from the publisher for free, plus shipping costs. We have permission to add contact and other information on the back cover or inside cover.

Then there was a discussion of the success of getting improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle-related language in the Missouri Drivers Guide. Title change suggestions: Rules of the Road and Road Users Guide

Action Item: Dennis Scott – find out what time frame is for the Missouri Drivers Guide. Check with printing office on price to print Street Smarts.

B. Legislation/Funding

Mike Murray - There have been a lot of questions lately about Bicycle and Pedestrian funding. Missouri has not dedicated state funding for bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. We can come up with all kinds of programs and ideas, but have no way to fund them. With the committee's permission would like to take two pieces of legislation from the state of California which deal with pedestrians and bicycles. We will leave this up to MoDOT's Governmental Affairs unit to see if Missouri could do something similar to California. We will give this to Dennis Scott and have him present this to MoDOT and ask that he report back to the committee.

Action Item: Dennis Scott is to send out a copy of the California Legislation to each committee member. We are asking MoDOT's legislation department to look at these several legislative ideas.

C. Promotion/Public Information

Angela Herman – Discussed the Walk Our Children to School Day 2000. About 1500 letters were sent out to schools to promote this. Developed a feedback form to send out and flyers. Eight schools have registered electronically for this program. Others may be involved without registering.

Action Item: Send copies of this information out with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee minutes.

D. Planning/Design/Physical Environment

IV. Bridges –

Mike Nelson, MoDOT Bridge Division, gave a presentation regarding bridges. There are 10,000 bridges in the state highway system. The division does all bridge designs for the whole state. They do all the rehab plans, all new bridges, and all major river bridges such as Cape Girardeau and Hannibal.

Basically, what happens is bridges match the roadway width. At the earlier stages of a project, we go through locations and look at alternatives to see if there is a need for how wide a roadway is going to be, shoulder widths, lane widths, and how much traffic use there is. Some discussion about why bridge typical matches that of the road. Bridges are difficult to retrofit. There needs to be a better approach to determining bicycle/pedestrian needs over the life of all bridges.

Generally, in urban areas we would look to see if there is a sidewalk leading up to the bridge and if the bridge carries a sidewalk across it. All of this information is given to the Bridge Division when they receive the project. MoDOT designs the bridge from the information they receive. Then Design proceeds.

Based on discussion, Mike Nelson will ask his division to examine bicycle safe grate retrofit costs. Also, they will provide the committee with information about designs for bridges at Lexington and Waverly.

V. Rules of Procedure –

Due to time constraints, it was decided to postpone this discussion for another meeting.

VI. Department of Natural Resources –

Presentation by Tom Lange, Senior Planner- The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is very supportive of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. DNR is very supportive of providing transportation opportunities for bicycles and pedestrians as well as other alternative transportation for the obvious reasons of the environment and energy consumption. DNR is the leading state agency responsible for outdoor recreation, environmental protection, and energy conservation.

Any thing that would reduce the rate of increase of vehicle miles on the highways would be good for the environment and air and water pollution. He specifically stressed the need to improve pedestrian and bicycle access on the Jefferson City bridge.

VII. Old Business

A. Share the Road Campaign –

Dennis Scott reported on the idea of putting together a statewide campaign regarding sharing the system safely (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists). Brief discussion occurred regarding funding options.

B. Missouri General Pedestrian and Bicycle Guide –

Dennis Scott said he had discussed the recommended changes with Kyle Kittrell, but needed more time. The recommendations, some time ago, said MoDOT should have 180 days to respond to that recommendation. Kyle said he wanted to get the Long-Range Transportation Plan finished first and the comment period for this will go over the following 60 days.

For any recommendations from the committee, a formal request needs to be sent to Kyle Kittrell or Kevin Keith.

C. MoBPAC Effectiveness –

The discussion revolved around two points. The first being, what was felt to be a lack of response from MoDOT regarding recommendations coming from the meetings; and the second being, the general feeling was to be more effective – there should be additional staff assigned to the program.

VIII. Reports –

A. Mississippi River Trail –

Debbie Schnack reported she has not received a report back from the recent meeting about extending the MRT from St. Louis to Minnesota. At that meeting they were able to put together a proposed route for this extension. Currently, the route stretches from the northern terminus at St. Genevieve, Missouri to New Orleans, Louisiana and will go through portions of Missouri, southern Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Tennessee opened the first segment in 1996.

B. Memberships –

A letter will go out that will serve two functions: 1) informing them of the department's policy, and 2) asking individuals interested in the committee to apply for membership. Have had people express interest in membership. There are several local government and non-government positions open.

Membership Sub-Committee – nomination committee to receive applications and submit to Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Discussed attendance for BPAC meetings. Two unexcused or four meetings missed. Need recommendations.

C. Driver's Guide –

It was reported significant improvement will be made to the Driver's Guide based on the committee's work with the Department of Revenue.

D. Pro Bike/Pro Walk –

Dennis reported on the conference held early in September in Philadelphia with over 500 attendees. The next conference in 2002 will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota. Would like to have a MoDOT management person attend this conference.

E. "Street Smarts" Distribution –

This item was discussed earlier in the report from the - Safety/Education/Enforcement Sub-committee.

F. Walk Your Child to School –

This item was discussed earlier in the report by the Promotion/Public/Information Sub-committee.

G. Pedestrian Safety Proclamation –

It was reported the Division of Highway Safety had arranged a pedestrian safety proclamation by the Governor.

H. MoDOT Maintenance Policy –

It was reported an internal directive had been released calling for improved shoulder sweeping practices. Secondly, it was reported the Maintenance Division is developing a sidewalk maintenance policy.

I. Rumble Strip Policy Review Team –

Dennis Scott reported a team might be assembled to review the current paved rumble strip policy.

J. Other -

It was reported a memorial service and bicycle ride would be held on October 22 in Fulton for Mike Brady who was killed in a crash involving an overtaking motorist who hit him while driving on the paved shoulder.

MPO Reports –

EWGCC reported St. Louis has adopted a strong bicycle/pedestrian policy for new projects. In January, an election will be held to decide a sales tax increase for trails.

Springfield reported three enhancement trail projects are underway. Another project involves streetscape and pedestrian connections. Ozark Greenways desires to work with MoDOT to impact road plans that affect planned projects.

The next meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be held on December 5, 2000, at the Truman Building in room 500.

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